

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, October 27, 2017
SBR Events/The Meetinghouse – 781 Church Road, Elmhurst

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Chris LaBounty, Diane McGinnis, Bill Huber, Maryann Gorski, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Mark Anglewicz

Absent: Tim Ricordati, Nina Coppola Radke, Don Meyers, Julie Coan, Matt Waterwall

Also Present: Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Erin Jason, Ken Bartels

Guest: Melissa Villanueva

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

The Minutes of the September 22, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin called on Diane McGinnis to introduce our meeting hosts from SBR Events/The Meetinghouse, John Dunn and Matt Rohan. They explained that the company is primarily involved with large, corporate, special events from design to set-up and tear-down. They work all over the world and especially in metropolitan Chicago. There will be a warehouse tour provided at the EDC meeting's adjournment.

Erin Jason introduced Melissa Villanueva of Brewpoint Coffee as a visitor.

Bill mentioned that the Elmhurst American Legion Normandy Room is getting a major make-over via Home Depot. They will also be doing landscaping work for the Legion. This is in advance of the 2nd Military Ball set for November 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Bartels told the EDC that the commissioner vacancy is being discussed with possible candidates and that a recommendation for appointment will be sent to the Mayor as soon as practical.

Erin reported that the Commercial Real Estate Forum held on October 4, 2017 at Red Arrow Tap Room was a fine success with over 70 in attendance. Bill, Mayor Morley and Erin all spoke and there was very productive networking time before and after the presentations.

Ken shared that all four of the EDC Subcommittees had met since the last EDC meeting. The Zoning Code Subcommittee will meet again after Houseal-Lavigne presents its Subplans summary to the ZPC. That Subcommittee will also work with Than Werner on a review of allowed/non-allowed businesses. The Business Parks Subcommittee will meet after Erin has a draft business parks plan to review sometime in early 2018. The Citywide Development Sites Subcommittee also reviewed the Houseal-Lavigne Subplans and will monitor that effort in advance of Houseal-Lavigne coming and presenting to the full EDC at a future meeting. Finally, the Downtown Development Subcommittee met and will meet again to discuss the ending of TIF1 and what that means for downtown economic development going forward.

There were seven retention visits noted.

Erin updated the EDC on businesses throughout Elmhurst including: Evelyn on Second, Elmhurst Brewing Company, a piano store, Pino's Palette, Victory Meat & Seafood, Livia, Sherman-Williams, OMG, Kanya, Lemoncello, the former Just Tires site, US Bank/DuPage Medical Group site and Marco's Table. She also noted that a 'holly trolley' will be operating on December 9 and 16 for shoppers, that Elmhurst economic development will be featured in the November 13 issue of Crain's Chicago Business and that she and Ken did an Elmhurst Now cable television program on economic development which will air all during November.

Mike Kopp shared the great news of the City of Elmhurst receiving two grants totaling over \$12.4 million toward the new Metra Station cost of \$16 million. The new station looks to be on a 2019 schedule right now. The indoor sports facility idea remains with the Elmhurst Park District for now. The new BMW business plan will be moving to the City Council soon.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, November 17, 2017. This is an early meeting date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.